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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS**

In Re: Stay of Civil Proceedings in Cases Involving Lawyers Representing the  
United States of America

**ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER**

The United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Arkansas requests a stay of all civil cases in which it is providing representation until Congress appropriates money to fund that Office. Although the request is granted, it must be noted that there is almost no chance that a similar administrative order would be entered staying the cases of a private lawyer or law firm simply because that lawyer or firm has no money. Indeed, most private practitioners routinely face this problem, but strap it up and go to work, or find other counsel for their clients. Of course, the United States cannot hire another law firm to represent it when it has no funding, so the request is granted. *See* 31 U.S.C. § 1341(a). All deadlines in civil cases affected by this order shall be extended for a period of time commensurate with the duration of this stay.

The United States Attorney shall notify the Court when Congress has appropriated funds for that Office and the date upon which the Civil Division employees will resume their duties.

Entered this 28th day of December 2018.

*Brian S. Miller*  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE